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20 Leading Occupations of Employed Women

Full-time Wage and Salary Workers

2003 Annual Averages

(Employment in thousands)

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<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Total Employed Women¹</u>	<u>Total Employed (Men and Women)</u>	<u>Percent Women</u>
Total, 16 years and older (all employed women, full time wage and salary workers)	63,582	136,485	46.6
Secretaries and administrative assistants	3,805	3,948	96.4
Cashiers	2,208	2,926	75.5
Registered nurses	2,153	2,317	92.9
Elementary and middle school teachers	2,124	2,602	81.6
Retail salespersons	1,634	3,154	51.8
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	1,518	1,649	92.1
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	1,493	1,649	90.5
Waiters and waitresses	1,370	1,893	72.4
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	1,345	3,296	40.8
Child care workers	1,315	1,386	94.9
Customer service representatives	1,262	1,846	68.4
Receptionists and information clerks	1,243	1,321	94.1
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	1,182	1,322	89.4
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers	994	1,470	67.6
Accountants and auditors	954	1,624	58.7
Teacher assistants	845	911	92.8

Cooks	788	1,881	41.9
Office clerks, general	742	894	83
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists	657	725	90.6
Preschool and kindergarten teachers	639	653	97.9

¹ Median not available where base is less than 50,000 male workers.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Annual Averages 2003.